

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 1143

By Black

A RESOLUTION to recognize Judy Baggett, Library Director of the Gallatin Public Library of Sumner County, upon the occasion of her retirement.

WHEREAS, it is appropriate that the members of this legislative body should honor those citizens who have performed with uncommon devotion and enthusiasm throughout their years of industry; and

WHEREAS, recently taking a much deserved retirement, Judy Baggett is one such estimable person who served with distinction for nineteen years as the Library Director with the Gallatin Public Library of Sumner County; and

WHEREAS, a native of Old Hickory, Ms. Baggett grew up within walking distance of the public library on Jones Street; encouraged by her favorite librarian, Mrs. Latimer, Judy Baggett spent many hours during her childhood reading in the library; and

WHEREAS, while attending DuPont High School, Ms. Baggett again was encouraged and influenced by an exceptional librarian, Miss Elliot; and

WHEREAS, after graduating from DuPont High School, Judy Baggett attended the Henry Ford Community College and obtained her associate's degree at Vol State Community College; and

WHEREAS, after relocating to Dearborn, Michigan, with her husband, who worked with Ford Motor Company, she completed her post-graduate education at Eastern Michigan University and began serving as an Elementary Media Specialist with the Dearborn public school system; and

WHEREAS, after Mrs. Baggett served with distinction for many years in the Dearborn public school system, Ms. Baggett's husband received a transfer back to Tennessee, and the couple moved home to Hendersonville; and

WHEREAS, upon the passing of her husband in 1990, Judy Baggett embarked upon her illustrious tenure with the Gallatin Public Library of Sumner County in 1991 and served with the utmost probity and efficiency as the Library Director for the past nineteen years, earning the respect and admiration of her colleagues and library patrons alike for the exceptional quality of her work; and

WHEREAS, extremely knowledgeable with an outstanding work ethic, she cheerfully and willingly assisted the library patrons with their many questions and needs; and

WHEREAS, the outstanding success and stellar reputation that the Gallatin Public Library of Sumner County has attained would not have been possible without the hard work and dedication of Judy Baggett and her longtime staff members, Joyce Summerlin and Frances Black, who represent some of the finest librarians in Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, accommodating the large population growth felt in Sumner County, a new 30,000 square-foot library was built and Ms. Baggett served as a major contributor in the planning, construction, and opening of the new Gallatin Public Library of Sumner County; and

WHEREAS, welcoming all who visited the library with a generous and gracious smile, Judy Baggett served the library in exemplary fashion, dedicating her time and energies to the betterment of the Gallatin Public Library of Sumner County, and enabled its progression into the twenty-first century; and

WHEREAS, her many accomplishments aside, Ms. Baggett is most appreciative of the love she shares with her son, her daughter, and her four grandchildren; and

WHEREAS, Judy Baggett truly is an inspiration and invaluable resource who has worked assiduously to maintain the impeccable quality and high standards of the Gallatin Public Library of Sumner County; and

WHEREAS, throughout her estimable career, Judy Baggett has admirably served as a protector of the written word, demonstrating the utmost professionalism, ability, and integrity, and she is wholly deserving of recognition by this Body; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED SIXTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that that we extend to Judy Baggett our heartfelt wishes for a happy and

fulfilling retirement, as we commend her exceptional service to the citizens of Gallatin and Sumner County and wish her every continued success in her future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.